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## CHAPEL SERVICES AT BROOKE ARMY MEDICAL CENTER

Brooke General Hospital Area

### PROTESTANT SERVICES:

**Sunday**  
Chapel No. 1 (Near Annex I)  
Holy Communion ..... 7:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 6:30 p.m.

**Annex III**  
Morning Worship ..... 9:00 a.m.  
**Weekdays**  
Chapel No. 1, (Near Annex I)  
Wednesday Evening Worship ..... 6:30 p.m.

### MEDICAL DEPARTMENT ENLISTED TECHNICIANS SCHOOL

**Sunday**  
Morning Worship (Auditorium) ..... 11:00 a.m.  
**Weekdays**  
Bible Class, Tuesdays (Chaplain's office) ..... 6:00 p.m.  
Midweek Devotion, Thursdays, (Auditorium) ..... 6:00 p.m.

### CATHOLIC SERVICES:

**Sunday Masses**  
Chapel No. 1 (Near Annex I) ..... 6:00 and 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 Noon  
**Weekday Masses**  
Chapel No. 1, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays ..... 8:30 a.m.  
Chapel No. 1, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays ..... 4:30 p.m.  
First Friday Masses 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.  
Annex III, Wednesdays ..... 4:00 p.m.  
Annex II, Thursdays ..... 4:00 p.m.  
Annex IV, Fridays ..... 4:00 p.m.  
Chapel No. 4, (Scott Road), Saturdays ..... 4:00 p.m.

### NOVENA, SERMON, BENEDICTION

Chapel No. 1, Tuesdays ..... 7:00 p.m.  
**STATIONS OF THE CROSS, BENEDICTION**  
Chapel No. 1, Fridays ..... 7:00 p.m.

### CONFESSIONS:

Chapel No. 1, (Near Annex I) and Chapel No. 4 (Near Annex IV, Scott Road)  
Saturdays ..... 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
(Also before all Masses)

### Convalescent Annex Area

### PROTESTANT SERVICES

**Sunday**  
Chapel No. 3 (1200 Area) ..... 9:00 a.m.  
Chapel No. 2 (900 Area) ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Chapel No. 4 (Rear Annex IV), Scott Road  
Morning Worship ..... 10:15 a.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 5:30 p.m.

### Weekdays

Chapel No. 2 (900 Area)  
Lenten Services every Wednesday until Easter ..... 6:00 p.m.

### LUTHERAN SERVICES:

**Sunday**  
Chapel No. 2 (900 Area) ..... 10:45 a.m.

### CATHOLIC MASS:

**Sunday**  
Chapel No. 2 (900 Area) ..... 8:30 a.m.  
Chapel No. 4, (rear Annex IV, Scott Road) ..... 9:15 a.m.

Chapel No. 3 (Chapel of the Rock) 12:00 Noon

### Weekday Masses

Chapel No. 3 Daily ..... 11:55 a.m.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS, BENEDICTION

Chapel No. 3, Wednesdays ..... 7:00 p.m.

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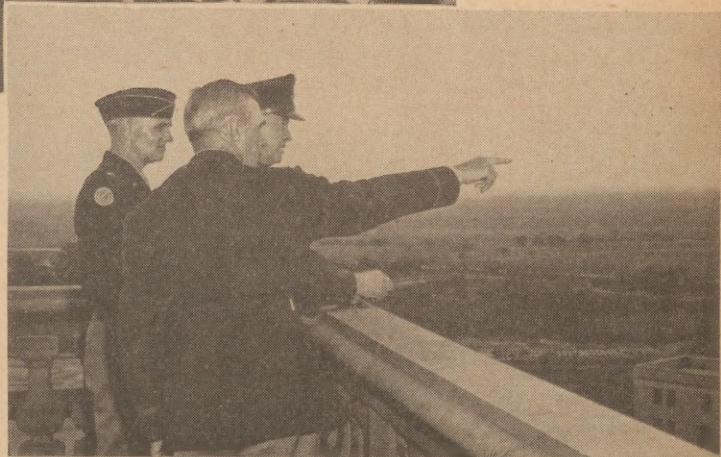
**ON THE COVER:** A view of the Telephone Center, located in the main building of Brooke General Hospital. This is one of two such installations at the Brooke Army Medical Center, the other is located in the Brooke Service Club. There are specially constructed booths for local and long distance calls and also available are telephone directories from principle cities of the U. S.



# General Eisenhower, Chief of Staff Inspects Brooke Army Medical Center



Colonel John C. Woodland, Commanding Officer of the Brooke General Hospital, shown in foreground, from the roof of the hospital, points out various components of the Brooke Army Medical Center to General Dwight D. Eisenhower, Chief of Staff. Brigadier General Alonzo P. Fox, in temporary command of Fort Sam Houston, is seen at left.



Present at the press conference called by General Dwight D. Eisenhower, Chief of Staff, which was held at the Fort Sam Houston Officers' Club, was Major General Alexander D. Surles, Office of the Chief of Staff.



In the Occupational Therapy Shop located in the main building of Brooke General Hospital, Chief Warrant Officer C. O. Raiford, patient of the hospital, displays to General Dwight D. Eisenhower, a wooden box he has made. In the background are Lieutenant Colonel James Stacke, Aide to General Eisenhower, Brigadier General John M. Willis, Commandant, Brooke Army Medical Center, and Colonel Woodland.





With a wonderful smile for all, General Dwight D. Eisenhower, Chief of Staff, stopped to talk with many of Brooke General Hospital's patients when he included the hospital in this recent inspection tour. Above, he is shown in conversation with Technician Fourth Grade John Valka of Needville, Texas, who served overseas with the 510th Anti-Aircraft Unit, Fifth Army.



Another patient whom General Dwight D. Eisenhower, Chief of Staff, visited at Brooke General Hospital, was Veterans Administration Bureau patient Johnny D. Grun of San Antonio, who served with the 381st Combat Engineers in Germany.

General Dwight D. Eisenhower, Chief of Staff, at a press conference held at Fort Sam Houston Officers' Club, during his

recent inspection of the Brooke Army Medical Center said that the greatest contribution the United States can make to the



United Nations Organization is to be strong itself.

The American-Russian problem is one of the most serious, remarked the Chief of Staff, and the United States will progress with Russian relations only with a great fund of patience and good humor. General Eisenhower pointed out that one of the biggest jobs the United States has on its hands is to get the Russians to understand the Americans, and that this country must be firm in defense of what it thinks is right.

The present inspection tour being made by General Eisenhower is to make the acquaintance of the Army as it now exists. The Chief of Staff pointed out in his interview with the press that until occupation settles into routine, the Army will continue to have a number of problems, especially in Europe. Whereas Japan has an organized government that takes orders from the United States and delivers them down the line, government structures were eliminated in Europe during the de-Nazification policy. Every physical employee in Europe was a Nazi and had to go; and with government and administration chaos piled on top of physical destruction, the Army had an enormous job to do. In the meantime, he continued, the Army needs men to fill jobs overseas and needs the framework at home that supports the occupation forces.

Following the conference, General Eisenhower made his inspection of Brooke. He was welcomed by Brigadier General John M. Willis, Commandant of the Brooke Army Medical Center and Colonel John C. Woodland, Commanding Officer of the Brooke General Hospital.

In the Chief of Staff's party were Major General Alexander D. Surles, Office of the

Chief of Staff; Brigadier General Alonzo P. Fox, in temporary command of Fort Sam Houston during the absence of its regular commander; Lieutenant Colonel James Stacks, Aide to General Eisenhower; and Lieutenant Colonel C. F. Cordes, Office of the Inspector General. Colonel Edmund Horgan, Chief of the Surgical Service and Colonel David R. Sacks, Chief of the Medical Service, Brooke General Hospital, joined the party in the tour through the hospital.

General Eisenhower was first taken to the roof of the hospital where he had a view of the entire post. Later he visited several wards of the hospital and the Occupational Therapy Shop where he registered in the guest book.

The man who heads the world's greatest Army made the sick and wounded feel as completely at ease as though they might be talking with a fellow-patient. The Chief of Staff sat on the edges of the patients' beds, he laughed with them and joked with them and inquired into their welfare. And the General knows his Army. Questioning the men as to what organization they had served with overseas, he was able to tell them the exact location where the organizations served.

Some of the patients visited were Private First Class Lofton H. Mayo of Milan, Tennessee; Private First Class Amos Barnett of Dustin, Oklahoma; Sergeant John L. Johnson of Portales, New Mexico; Technician Fourth Grade William E. Wagonblast of Crown Point, Indiana, and Staff Sergeant Carl Olsen of Austin, Texas.

After the tour through the Brooke General Hospital, General Eisenhower left for an inspection of Randolph Field.

## WELL DONE, CHAPLAIN

The following "Soldier's Goodbye to His Chaplain" appeared in THE CHAPLAIN'S DIGEST and is reprinted here because we feel it expresses the sentiment of most men to chaplains of all faiths. . . .

"From that Post Chapel where I first met you, to a southern field, a desert, a town, a battlefield, a Church, I have had the pleasure of seeing you again and again, and that feeling has followed me of being so much closer to Our Lord. . . . Now, perhaps, we shall meet no more; I have dreaded the time when we would have to say goodbye. Physically, I leave you, Father, though in spirit you are by my side, continuing your teaching, your guidance, continuing to unfold the many wondrous mysteries of the Life of Our Lord that have made life for me so much easier to live. You have introduced me to God. . . . I am going home soon, Father, back

to my family and a little Irish girl who has been waiting almost four long years for me. I can go back to her with my head just as highly held as when we parted. You have insured me that honor. Enclosed are the prayers of a grateful one. May the Good Lord continue to bless you!"

—The above was contributed by  
Chaplain John E. Kinney.

## NOTICE!

### Special Lenten Services

During Lent, which began on Ash Wednesday, March 6th, there will be special Catholic Services held at all Brooke Army Medical Center Chapels. The announcement of these services appears among the list of Catholic Services on the inside cover of this issue of the Brooke Bluebonnet Broadcast.



# NEWS NOTES

## *From the Office of the Surgeon General*

### **CARLISLE BARRACKS MOVE TO FORT SAM HOUSTON EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY MARCH 15**

A move involving approximately 6,000 enlisted men and officers will be completed by March 15, when medical activities of Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania and the Medical Section and certain portions of the basic training program at the Army Service Forces Training Center, Fort Lewis, Washington, will be transferred to Brooke Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, Major General Norman T. Kirk, Surgeon General of the Army, has announced.

The concentration of the Medical Department schools and courses at this new center will represent a saving in the transportation of trainees from one school to another in many cases and also will result in more economical and effective operation of the training program, according to Colonel Floyd L. Wergeland, Director, Training Division, Office of the Surgeon General's Office.

Plans are being made for five battalions which will train about 5,000 men in basic and technician courses at Fort Sam Houston, and a basic Medical Department officers' course of approximately 1100 newly-commissioned officers will be in continuous operation, Colonel Wergeland said.

The basic training will require eight weeks. The technicians schools include courses of eight to sixteen weeks for dental, laboratory, x-ray, surgical and medical technicians. There will be common specialist courses for cooks and bakers, chauffeurs, clerks, auto mechanics and sanitary technicians.

There will be a School of Military Neuropsychiatry and a School of Roentgenology. Medical Equipment Maintenance Technician courses have already been added to the Medical Department Enlisted Technicians School. Residency type training for Medical Corps officers will be carried on at Brooke General Hospital, and also at nine other General Hospitals in this country, as part of The Surgeon General's plan to provide greater opportunities for professional advancement to the members of the Army Medical Corps.

The scope of the curriculum indicates that through the training available at this Center, it will be possible to take the recruits who come there and train them so that they will be qualified to perform all the duties necessary for the maintenance of a medical unit in the field, even to the point of keeping automobiles in repair and baking the bread.

War Department plans call for the continuation of Carlisle Barracks as an Army post and the location for the Army Information School.

Carlisle Barracks, which has been a center for Medical Department training for about a quarter of a century, is one of the oldest military stations in the country. It was established by the British during the French and Indian War, and has a rich background of colorful historical incidents. One of the many times it figured in the news was during the "Whisky Rebellion" when President Washington sent "Light-horse Harry" Lee, father of General Robert E. Lee, against four rebellious Pennsylvania counties in 1791 and 1792. It was then the headquarters for "Lighthorse Harry."

### ***It's better to be SAFE than SORRY . . .***

In a peacetime period corresponding to the length of World War II, over 100,000 more persons were killed as a result of accidents than Army, Navy and Marine members killed in all theaters of operations during the recent war in which the primary object of the enemy was to kill and destroy.

H. LESLIE EVANS  
Assistant Safety Director  
Brooke Army Medical Center.



# Basil O'Connor, Chairman American National Red Cross, Visits Brooke Army Medical Center



The Chairman of the American National Red Cross is shown above with officials of the Brooke Army Medical Center and members of the local American Red Cross after completion of a tour of the Brooke General Hospital. Left to right, front row: Brigadier General John M. Willis, Commandant, Brooke Army Medical Center; Basil O'Connor, Chairman, American National Red Cross; Colonel John C. Woodland, Commanding Officer, Brooke General Hospital; Mrs. Edgar Tobin, Chairman, Volunteer Special Services, Bexar County Chapter; Benjamin D. Burch, Special Assistant to the National Chairman; back row: Mrs. E. P. Northrup, Motor Corps Chairman, Bexar County Chapter; Miss Leona Rau, Hospital Service Supervisor, Midwestern Area; Mrs. Augusta L. Barnes, Manager, Bexar County Chapter; Herschel H. Cooper, Chairman, Bexar County Chapter; Miss Clara Sletton, Field Director, Brooke Army Medical Center; Mrs. Winifred Hoffmann, Motor Corps Vice-Chairman, Bexar County Chapter; and H. F. Keisker, Manager Midwestern Area. The visit of Mr. O'Connor to San Antonio was made in the interest of the 1946 Red Cross Fund Campaign.

In the interest of launching the 1946 Red Cross Fund Campaign, Basil O'Connor, Chairman of the American National Red Cross, included San Antonio in his recent itinerary and one of the highlights of his visit was a tour through Brooke General Hospital.

Mr. O'Connor, accompanied to Brooke by members of the Bexar County Chapter, Mid-

western Area and by Miss Clara Sletton, Red Cross Field Director, Brooke Army Medical Center, was welcomed by Brigadier General John M. Willis, Commandant, Brooke Army Medical Center and by Colonel John C. Woodland, Commanding Officer of the Brooke General Hospital.

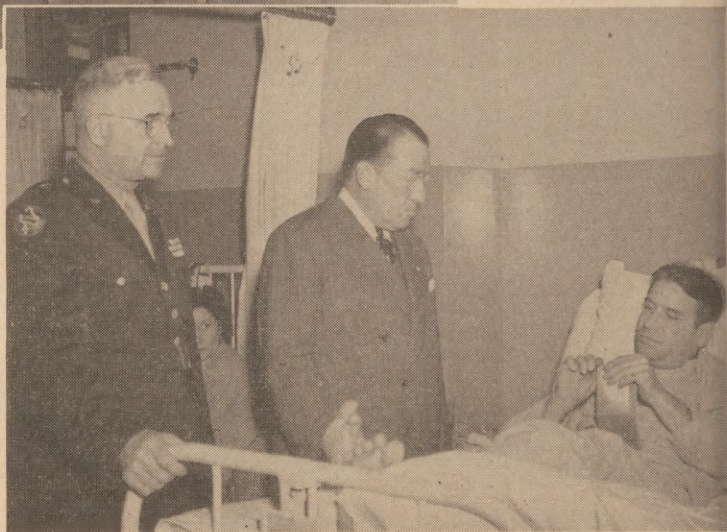
The visitors were taken first to the roof of the general hospital where various com-





**Basil O'Connor, Chairman, American National Red Cross, views the various components of the Brooke Army Medical Center from the roof of the Brooke General Hospital. Left to right are Brigadier General John M. Willis, Commandant, Brooke Army Medical Center; Herschel H. Cooper, Chairman, Bexar County Chapter, American Red Cross, Mr. O'Connor, and Colonel John C. Woodland, Commanding Officer of the Brooke General Hospital.**

**At right, Basil O'Connor stops to talk with Technician Fifth Grade Charles W. Polk, of Roswell, New Mexico, patient in Ward 5, Brooke General Hospital, and to inspect the leather billfold in the process of completion (materials for which and instructions are provided by the Red Cross). At left of Mr. O'Connor, General Willis, who accompanied the group on the tour of the hospital.**



ponents of the Brooke Army Medical Center were pointed out. They next visited several wards of the hospital where they stopped to talk and visit with various patients. A great deal of interest was centered on the various Arts and Skills projects, instituted for patients by the Red Cross under the supervision of the Occupational Therapy Department.

In support of the 1946 Red Cross Fund Campaign, Mr. O'Connor made the following statement:

"The war is not over for the American Red Cross. There remains for us a continuing responsibility in the great tasks of maintaining morale among the men in the occupation forces, service to hospitalized troops and help and counsel to veterans whose normal pattern of life has been dis-

rupted by the war's impact. Moreover, the peacetime role of our 3,754 chapters is an expanding one, involving a wide range of humanitarian and educational services pointed toward a better America.

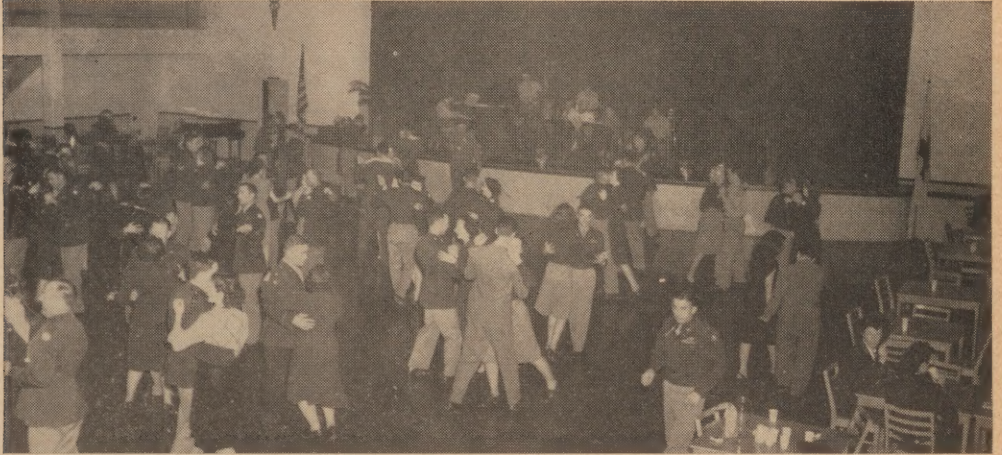
"It is to these great objectives that the Red Cross is dedicated—for them, the Red Cross must carry on."

All personnel of the Brooke Army Medical Center are urged to give the Red Cross full support. Captain Gerald B. Keller has been named Drive Chairman and the following are authorized to receive your contributions: Lieutenant Fred Leisner, Center Headquarters; Lieutenant Howard F. Metsch, Annex II; Lieutenant Hargrove Smith, Annex III; Lieutenant Lewis Eisner, Annex IV; Lieutenants Virgil D. Powers

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# Nurses National Memorial Fund Grows



A partial view of the auditorium at the Service Club, Brooke Army Medical Center, where nurses of Brooke General Hospital gave a benefit dance to raise funds for the Nurses National Memorial to be erected in Washington, D. C. A crowd of 800 attended.

## CONTRIBUTIONS TO NURSES NATIONAL MEMORIAL CAMPAIGN BEGIN TO POUR IN

Contributions from the Brooke Army Medical Center and San Antonio for the Nurses National Memorial are expected to reach a high figure as checks and cash began pouring into the Center the past week.

Voluntary contributions of \$90.94 to the fund were made on payday by enlisted men of the Detachment Medical Department, Brooke General Hospital; Eighth Service Command Central Dental Laboratory; Eighth Service Command Laboratory; 365th Band; and Headquarters Detachment, Brooke Army Medical Center.

On Thursday, February 28th, a benefit Dance for the local campaign was sponsored by nurses of the Brooke General Hospital which resulted in an additional \$500.00 added to the fund.

Plans for the erection of the Nurses National Memorial, with a minimum two-million dollar goal, were formally launched in January at a luncheon at the Mayflower Hotel, Washington, D. C., with Major General Norman T. Kirk, Surgeon General of the Army, making the principal address.

Among those present at the luncheon were Mrs. Harry S. Truman, guest of honor; Mrs. Norman T. Kirk, Chairman of the Board of Trustees; and Mrs. Ross T. McIntyre, co-sponsor with Mrs. Kirk. Mr. Arthur H. Johnson presided. Other speakers on the program were Mrs. Carl Spatz;

Colonel Wallace H. Graham, personal physician to President Truman; Dr. H. A. B. Dunning, Sr., leading scientist; and Mr. Jarrett C. White, architectural advisor, who outlined the plans for the building.

"You can be certain," General Kirk said, "that this program you are sponsoring to provide a social center with club and home-like facilities for the comfort and convenience of the nurses, dietitians and physiotherapists in Washington will have the whole-hearted and unqualified support of everyone who knows of the sacrifices and the devotion to duty of these valiant soldiers of mercy."

Quoting recent remarks of General Dwight D. Eisenhower, General Kirk continued, "One needs only to talk with the wounded or witness our nurses at work in the field and in the hospitals to realize that they are taking their places alongside the greatest women in the history of our country. Nothing stops them in their determination to see that our troops receive the best attention possible."

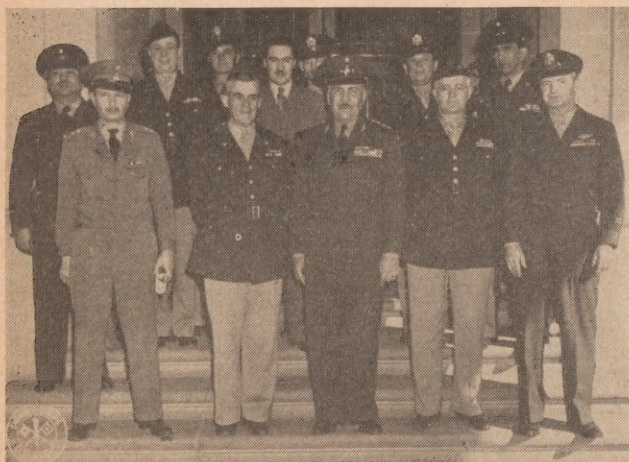
General Kirk went on to praise the high traditions of the Army Nurse Corps, which date back to 1901 when it was first organized. Since then, the General pointed out, more than 100,000 have served in the Corps.

In 1939 there were only 949 members of the Army Nurse Corps and by December 7, 1941, the total had reached approximately 7,000. In answer to the plea for nurses, volunteers swelled the ranks to a peak of 57,000 by 1945. Now nurses are being re-

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# Latin-American Visitors Are Impressed With Brooke Army Medical Center

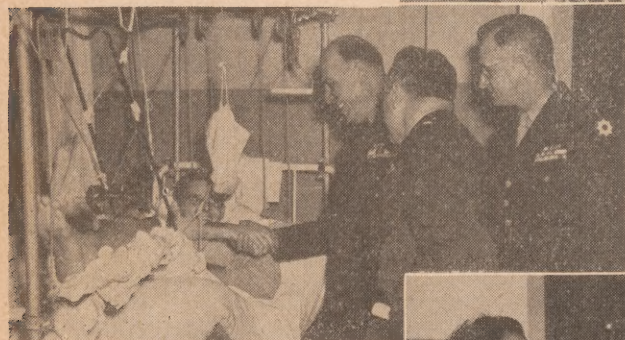


During the visit of the Mexican Minister of National Defense to Brooke, members of the party were photographed on the steps of the hospital. Reading left to right, front row: Brigadier General Guzman Cardenas, Mexican Military Attaché to the United States; Colonel John C. Woodland, commanding officer of the Brooke General Hospital; General of Division Francisco L. Urquiza, Mexican Minister of National Defense; Brigadier General John M. Willis, Commandant, Brooke Army Medical Center; Brigadier General J. W. Spry, United States Military Attaché to Mexico. Back row: Major Suarez Peralta, Mexican Liaison Officer attached to the AAFTC, Randolph Field; Colonel Thomas W. Ligon, commanding officer, South Land Frontier, East-

ern Defense Command, Fort Sam Houston; Lieutenant Edgar A. Rogers, Brooke General Hospital, interpreter; Consul General Ortiz Hernan, Mexican Consulate, San Antonio; Captain T. S. Richardson, Liaison Officer, Southern Land Frontier, Fort McIntosh, Texas; Lieutenant Colonel Rafael Miranda, Liaison Officer, War Department, Washington; Lieutenant Colonel Ozuno Perez, Mexican Ministry of National Defense.



In Ward 5 of the Brooke General Hospital, above, General Francisco L. Urquiza stops to talk with Private Carmelo Colon-Colon, U. S. Army, whose home is in Puerto Rico.



Above, General Urquiza gives Veterans Administration Bureau patient H. D. Garner, of Mason, Texas, former Seaman First Class, a hearty handclasp.

Right, Private First Class Rafael de la Cruz, patient in Brooke General Hospital and formerly with the Third Armored Division overseas, answers questions put to him by General Urquiza.



Brigadier General Florencio de Abreu, the Surgeon General of the Brazilian Army is shown at right with Colonel John C. Woodland, commanding officer of the Brooke General Hospital, inspecting printing equipment in the Occupational Therapy Shop at Brooke. Accompanying the Brazilian Surgeon General on the tour were Colonel Alfredo Issler Vieira, Chief Surgeon, First Military Region; Lieutenant Colonel Achilles Gallotti, Executive Officer, Office of the Surgeon General; Lieutenant Colonel Arnaldo Serqueira, Sub-Director of the Army Medical School; and Captain Joao Cesar de Oliveira, General's Aide. Colonel Leon Gardner, Director of the Army Medical Library and Lieutenant Colonel R. Howard Lackey, member of the Joint Brazil-United States Military



When the Brazilian Surgeon General visited Brooke General Hospital recently, much of his time during the inspection was spent in the Obstetrical Ward, above.

Right, in the Clinical Laboratory, General Abreu observes the tech-



nique developed by Lieutenant Colonel Max Levine, Laboratory Service, Brooke General Hospital, for determining resistance of bacteria to Penicillin.

Left, General Abreu and his staff inspect the kitchen of the Brooke General Hospital. Captain Nell Wickliffe, center, chief dietitian for the hospital, explains how foods for the wards are kept hot in electrically heated carts.





## BRAZILIAN ARMY SURGEONS INSPECT BROOKE ARMY MEDICAL CENTER

Brigadier General Florencio de Abreu, the Surgeon General of the Brazilian Army, with four members of his staff were welcomed to Brooke Army Medical Center the past month by Brigadier General John M. Willis, Commandant of the Center, and by Colonel John C. Woodland, Commanding Officer of the Brooke General Hospital. The Brazilian visitors, prior to their arrival at Brooke, had inspected Army medical organization and procedures, as well as the Walter Reed General Hospital in Washington, D. C. Their itinerary also included Fort Bragg, North Carolina, and Halloran General Hospital, Staten Island, New York.

Accompanying the Brazilian Surgeon General to Brooke were Colonel Alfredo Issler Vieira, Chief Surgeon, First Military Region; Lieutenant Colonel Achilles Gallotti, Executive Officer, Office of the Surgeon General; Lieutenant Colonel Arnaldo Serqueira, Sub-Director of the Army Medical School and Captain Joao Cesar de Oliveira, General's Aide. Colonel Leon Gardner, Director of the Army Medical Library, and Lieutenant Colonel R. Howard Lackey, member of the joint Brazil-United States Military Commission, acted as U. S. Army representatives on the tour.

The visitors were first taken to the roof of the Brooke General Hospital for an overall view of the Brooke Army Medical Center. They next spent considerable time in the Obstetrical Ward where Lieutenant Colonel Edward A. Zimmerman, chief of the section, explained procedures and techniques on pre-natal care and delivery. Next, the visitors were shown through the X-ray section, operating section, and plaster rooms before proceeding to Ward 5. One of the patients visited was Technician Fifth Grade Henry A. Martinez of San Antonio who spent 30 months in the South Pacific serving from the Solomons to Luzon, Philippine Islands.

A trip was then made through the various sections of the Clinical Laboratory where considerable interest was shown in the departments devoted to bacteriology and Penicillin.

Included in the lengthy inspection was a visit to the Officers' Medical Ward (3), the Patients' Mess, the kitchen of the hospital and the Occupational Therapy Shop. Here the visitors were particularly interested in the section devoted to type-setting and printing.

The recently added sterilization room in the basement of the main hospital, the Telephone Center, the Medical Library, the

Allergy and Out-Patients Clinics were included in the tour.

Later the visitors were guests at a luncheon at the Center and during the afternoon made an inspection of the Medical Department Enlisted Technicians School, another component of the huge Brooke Army Medical Center.

## GENERAL URQUIZO, MEXICAN MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENSE RECENT VISITOR TO BROOKE ARMY MEDICAL CENTER

As a result of a visit by high Mexican military officials to the Brooke Army Medical Center, on Saturday morning, February 15, the Mexican government will ask permission of the United States to send several Mexican Army doctors to the Center for a tour of duty.

Announcement of the plan was made during an inspection of Brooke General Hospital, by Brigadier General Guzman Cardenas, military attache, Washington, D. C., to the Minister of National Defense of Mexico, Lieutenant General Francisco L. Urquiza.

The visiting party, headed by General Urquiza, was greeted here by Brigadier General John M. Willis, Commandant, Brooke Army Medical Center, and was escorted through Brooke General Hospital by Colonel John C. Woodland, Commanding Officer of the hospital.

Other members of the party included Brigadier General James W. Spry, United States air attache to Mexico; Colonel Rafael Miranda, U. S. Army aide to General Urquiza; Colonel Charles Deerwester, chief of American and Mexican Joint Defense Committee, Washington, D. C.; Colonel Thomas W. Ligon, Commanding Officer of Southern Land Frontier, United States Army; and Lieutenant Colonel Walter B. Magness, assistant chief of staff, Air Corps Intelligence, AAF, Flying Training Command, Randolph Field.

"I have found the visit here most interesting," General Urquiza said, "and I have had particular pleasure in greeting and shaking hands with United States soldiers of Mexican ancestry who are patients at the hospital."

General Urquiza also extended an invitation to General Willis and Colonel Woodland to visit the Mexican Military Hospital in Mexico City "of which we are very proud and which we consider Number One in Latin America," he said.

General Urquiza said he had found many things at the Brooke Army Medical Center of great value which he expects to put into operation at the Mexican Military Hospital.



# Brooke General Hospital Patient Plans Profession in Ceramics

Corporal James L. Lawrence of Eupora, Mississippi, is one of many patients who has found the art of Ceramics can be both pleasant and profitable. Interested in Ceramics before he entered the service Corporal Lawrence had little time to study before going overseas, as a member of the 510th Anti-Aircraft Gun Battalion. He served for five months at Finchafen, New Guinea, during 1944 and it was here that he received a leg injury which brought him back to the United States as a patient.

Coming to Brooke General Hospital, the potter's wheel was prescribed in Occupational Therapy for strengthening the mus-



**Above, Corporal James L. Lawrence, patient at the Brooke General Hospital, is shown shaping a clay bowl on the potter's wheel in the Occupational Therapy Shop at Annex IV.**



**Left, Corporal Lawrence loading the kiln with various articles of pottery he has made. Mrs. Dorothy B. Schlezell, shown with Corporal Lawrence, is Chief Occupational Therapist for Brooke General Hospital.**

cles of Corporal Lawrence's injured leg. He then took up Ceramics with enthusiasm. Later he enjoyed a furlough home and when he returned he brought with him some Mississippi clay which he hoped to use in a formula with Texas clay, partly as an experiment, partly for sentimental reasons. He found the two clays worked unusually well together, so he began making a variety of articles.

In the meantime, Corporal Lawrence was

assigned to the Medical Detachment at the Convalescent Annex at Brooke, but he found time to keep up with Ceramics after duty hours. He even developed his own glazes for use with the particular Texas-Mississippi clay mixture.

In preparing the clay for pottery, Corporal Lawrence demonstrated how it is first wedged to remove air bubbles and to "even" the mixture. Then the clay is



shaped on the wheel. When the pottery has dried approximately two days according to weight, to a degree called leather dry, it is then loaded into the kiln and fired at a temperature of 1900 degrees Fahrenheit. The pottery bakes for thirteen hours and when removed and cooled, the glaze is added. Then the pottery must bake another ten hours at a temperature slightly lower than the baking temperature.

After discharge from the service, Corporal Lawrence plans to attend the University of Illinois, "If I can get in," he added. He wants to become a Ceramics Engineer. The course covers four years but Corporal Lawrence hopes by going the year 'round, he can complete his studies in two and a half years.

In the meantime, Corporal Lawrence is planning to establish his Ceramics Shop in Eupora, Mississippi.

Ceramics, under the supervision of the Occupational Therapy Department at the Brooke General Hospital, is supplemented by the Red Cross which supplies materials to the patients without charge. Red Cross volunteer workers aid with instruction. When articles are completed these become the patients' own to send home or to give as gifts to friends.

## Red Cross News...

### ANNEX III NEWS

Reported by Mary M. McDermott  
Recreation Worker

Have you ever noticed the attractive purses patients are making out of huck toweling? Some of them show unusual originality and color. The Gray Ladies, with Mrs. R. E. Neutze in charge, line the purses with harmonizing colors, when they are completed, add a zipper and a plexo-glass zipper pull and the purses come out looking like something from Fifth Avenue. Purse-making has been conducted recently on wards 60-C and 61-C.

For the past several days, Ward 63-B has been having its own coffee hour. Patients are restricted to this ward and so—"the mountain is brought to Mohammed."

Last week Mrs. B. E. Lewis, Gray Lady, conducted a bang-up good Bingo party on Ward 61-C. How 'bout coming around and joining in the fun?

Have you ever played Bridge-Keeno? It's loads of fun and will be a feature offered in each ward of Annex III until everyone has a chance to learn the game.

On Tuesday, February 19, a pop-corn

party was enjoyed in Ward 60-B. Each patient on the ward had his own private recipe for popping corn, and after burning several poppers full, the right system was found.

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Patients are requested to keep their eyes peeled on the bulletin board in the Day Room of Annex III for a display of "Cars of the Future" done by Private First Class Brent M. Gunkel of Ward 62-C.

### ANNEX IV NEWS

Reported by Alvamarie Porter  
Recreation Worker

On Friday, February 22nd, Mrs. Lewis, Gray Lady, entertained patients of Wards 30 and 31 with a Bingo party. The long distance telephone call for the month of February was given as a grand prize, won by Private First Class Thadeus Bienzczad of Ward 31. Refreshments consisting of cup cakes decorated with little flags in keeping with Washington's Birthday were later served.

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Sunday, February 24th was Record Day for the isolation wards and patients were entertained with favorite records provided by the Red Cross. Popular and classical numbers and old-time selections were enjoyed.

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Entertainers from the Convalescent Annex of Brooke gave a Variety Show on the various wards of Annex IV on Tuesday, February 26th. Miss Pat Carr of San Angelo was a guest on the program and sang "The Italian Street Song" and "Symphony". Former Army Sergeant C. J. Robinson, Jr., was back to sing for the patients as a civilian. Lieutenant Sonnenfeld was the accompanist and a duet was sung by Mrs. Kris Powell and Sergeant Robinson. Sergeant Leon McHugh, who plays the guitar and sings, received a round of applause for several of his novelty numbers.

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Wards 28 and 29 enjoyed a Record Hour on Wednesday, February 27th, conducted by Mrs. Horner, Gray Lady. Special records were played upon request of various patients of these wards.

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Tuesday and Friday of last week at 6 p.m. movies were enjoyed on Ward 32. Monday and Thursday mornings at 10, movies are to be shown on Ward 26 and on Wednesdays and Saturdays, same time, movies will be shown on Ward 27.

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Remember the Coffee Hour daily at 10:00 a.m. The Red Cross is located in the basement of the North Wing and every patient able to attend is invited.



# Unit Supply, Medical Detachment, Keeps Our "Soldiers in White"



Detachment Medical Department personnel serving on the various wards of the Brooke General Hospital—laboratory technicians, cooks, and bakers, too, can rely on a sparkling white uniform as often as needed—thanks to Unit Supply, Medical Detachment. This service, available daily to detachment personnel, provides as many as 450 changes of white uniforms per day. Above, Private S. Aversa of Baltimore, Maryland, and Private L. F. Briggs of Kosse, Texas, draw white uniforms from Wolford Lamouraux and Joseph Feldstein, both of San Antonio, while Reuben G. Morales, also of San Antonio, assists. Staff Sergeant Charles D. Durand of Brooklyn, New York, checks the soiled uniforms in, the clean ones out.



## OUTGOING AND INCOMING SUPPLY SERGEANTS BID FAREWELL

Staff Sergeant Charles D. Durand, left, bids goodbye to Master Sergeant Le Roy K. Norem of Westbrooke, Minnesota. Sergeant Durand, former Unit Supply Sergeant of the Detachment, has left Brooke General Hospital where he was assigned, to take up new duties in his home town as a civilian. Sergeant Norem has been named the new Unit Supply Sergeant.



## NURSES NATIONAL MEMORIAL

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leased to relieve the nation-wide shortages in hospitals and a total of approximately 30,000 nurses have been returned to civilian life to date, General Kirk said.

Citing several instances of bravery exhibited by members of the Army Nurse Corps, General Kirk said, "It was deeds of fortitude such as these that helped the Medical Department establish an unprecedented record in caring for the sick and wounded and in saving lives."

Military personnel should make their checks payable to Nurses National Memorial, Medical Inspector's Office, Brooke Army Medical Center and civilian personnel should make their checks payable to the Nurses National Memorial, care Mrs. John Dibble, Brooke Service Club, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

The campaign is open until March 16.

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and John G. Molek, main building, Brooke General Hospital; Lieutenant Robert E. Cater, Old Hospital area; Miss Clara Sletten and Miss Dorothea Lane for the Red Cross; Lieutenants Leo Garcia, Frank Perry and Lawrence Brammer, Convalescent Annex; Captain Ezekiel B. Reeve, Mess Department, Brooke General Hospital; Lieutenant Harry B. Van Sciver, ASF Training Center; Major John H. Coates and Miss Pearl Finchley, Army Medical Department School; Captain Edwin M. Eastham, 32nd Medical Battalion; Lieutenant Lloyd B. Thompson, Detachment, Army Medical Department School; Captain Stanley French, Motor Transportation, Center Headquarters; Lieutenant Alice B. Clark, Nurse Corps, Brooke General Hospital; Captain Gladstone McFedries, Medical Detachment, Brooke General Hospital; Captain Lester J. Wright, Detachment of Patients, Brooke General Hospital; and Lieutenant Stanley H. LaRose, Medical Department Enlisted Technicians School.

## MEDALS OF METZ AWARDED TO PERSONNEL OF EIGHTH SERVICE COMMAND

The mayor of Metz, France, personally presented Medals of Metz, decorations commemorating the liberation of that famous French city by the American XX Army Corps in November 1944, to all eligible officers and enlisted men in a special ceremony

at the Hall of State, in Dallas, March 11, Lieutenant General Walton H. Walker, commanding general of the Eighth Service Command and former commander of the XX Corps, has announced.

Paying Dallas a goodwill visit at the invitation of the Chamber of Commerce, Mayor Gabriel Hocquard of Metz made the awards in recognition of the efforts made by members of the XX Corps in liberating his city from the Germans. All individuals, still on active duty or now separated from the service, who served in units assigned or attached to the XX Corps during the month of November 1944 are eligible to receive the medals, General Walker said, and should immediately get in touch with Major David W. Allard in the Office of the Commanding General, Eighth Service Command, to get their names placed on the award list.

The medal, embossed with a replica of the cathedral at Metz and the flags of the United States and France, and hung from a black and white ribbon, was presented only to eligible personnel who attended the special ceremony.

General Walker listed the units assigned or attached to the XX Corps during the specified period as follows: Headquarters and Headquarters Company, XX Corps; Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, XX Corps Artillery; Headquarters III Corps Artillery; 5th, 90th and 95th Infantry Divisions; 10th Armored Division; 3rd Cavalry Group; 4th Tank Destroyer Group; 1103rd and 1139th Engineer Groups; 5th, 40th, 193rd, 195th, 203rd and 204th Field Artillery Groups; 7th Field Artillery Observation Battalion; and 69th Signal Battalion.

## LEARN TO PRACTICE SAFETY

In 1945, the overall cost of accidental injuries to military personnel admitted to Brooke General Hospital and to civilians employed at the Brooke Army Medical Center exceeded \$130,000.00 or about \$360.00 per day. Safe practices on your part will reduce this loss and prevent much suffering in 1946.

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There is probably no single field where there is greater opportunity for accomplishment in the saving of money, property or human life than in that of accident prevention, wherein the only cost is your own adherence to safe practices.

**H. LESLIE EVANS,**  
Office of the Safety Director  
Brooke Army Medical Center.



# BUY U. S. SAVINGS BONDS





# Medical Equipment Maintenance Section, MDETS, Well Organized

The first class of enlisted technicians studying the maintenance of Army medical equipment at Brooke, completed the course, and were graduated on March 6th at the Medical Department Enlisted Technicians School.

The four graduating were Private C. R. Farmer, of Abilene, Texas; Corporal Marvin Kennedy of Long Beach, California; Sergeant George Boardman of Los Angeles; and Corporal John Ondrasek of Chicago, all members of the class which transferred to Brooke from the St. Louis Medical Depot where they received previous training in the maintenance of medical equipment. The school now known as the Medical Equipment Section was moved to the Brooke Army Medical Center soon after January 1st this year, and first classes were begun on January 7th.

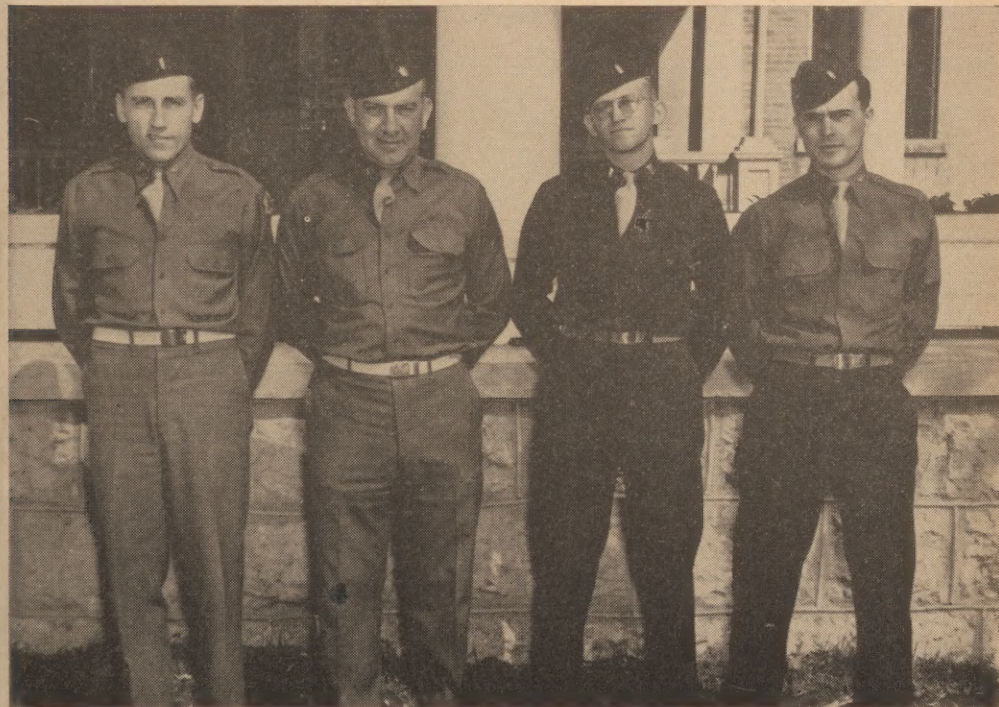
The medical equipment maintenance course, the section of which is a component

of the Medical Department Enlisted Technicians School, covers a 16-week period and includes on the job training.

The Medical Equipment Maintenance Section is to be responsible for training enlisted technicians to repair and care for all types of medical department equipment, including portable field equipment and 100 and 200 m. a. x-ray.

In the course of study, students will learn to repair sterilizers, gas anesthesia machines and electromedical equipment such as diathermy, electrocardiograph and basal metabolism units. Students will also learn refrigeration and maintenance of Onan generators. The course begins with elementary electricity and is completed with studies in x-ray equipment.

The Medical Equipment Maintenance Section has been housed in the west wing of the main building of the Old Hos-

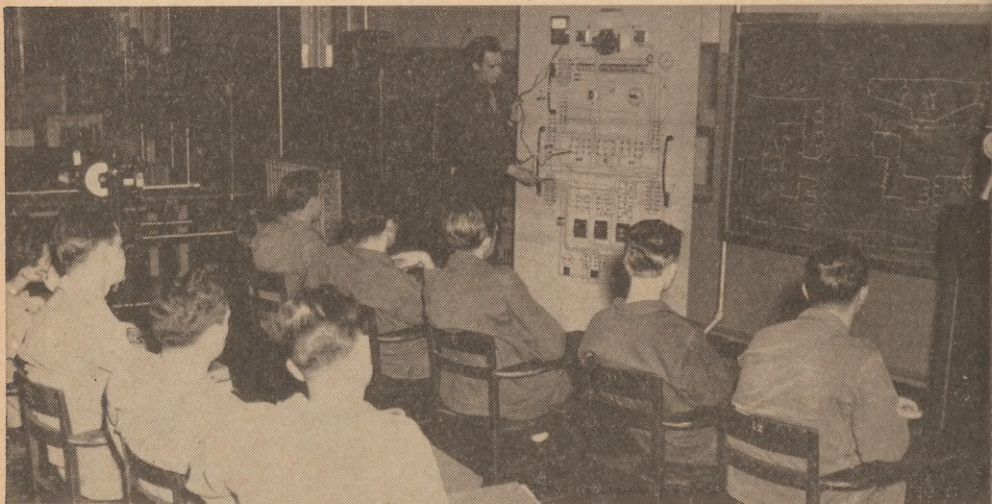


Members of the staff of the Army Medical Equipment Maintenance Section of the Medical Department Enlisted Technicians School are shown, reading left to right: Lieutenant Reiny V. Wagner, MAC, Chief Instructor; Major H. M. Brittain, MAC, Director of the Section; Lieutenant Lawrence J. Noe, MAC, Instructor in Electromedical Equipment; and Lieutenant James S. Hendry, MAC, Instructor in X-Ray Equipment.





Students of the Medical Equipment Maintenance Section, Medical Department Enlisted Technicians School, start their course in elementary electricity. In the foreground, Staff Sergeant Verner Sjorgren of Los Angeles, California, instructs Private Peter Kilgour, Jr., of Austin, Massachusetts, and Private James R. Muscato, of Chicago, Illinois, students of the school, to check their instruments. On the litter, Private Joseph Gesswein of Quincy, Massachusetts, substitutes as a patient while Private Benjamin Castagna of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, demonstrates adjustment on the portable x-ray machine.



Staff Sergeant Lloyd Aschenbeck of Long Beach, California, instructor in the Medical Equipment Maintenance Section of the Medical Department Enlisted Technicians School, is shown teaching class in Army x-ray field units.

pital but is soon to move into other quarters. Director of the section is Major H. M. Brittain, MAC, who is assisted by Lieutenant Reiny V. Wagner, MAC, Chief Instructor; Lieutenant Lawrence J. Noe, MAC, Instructor in Electromedical equipment; and Lieutenant James S. Hendry, Instructor x-ray equipment.

Beginning with this issue of the Brooke Bluebonnet Broadcast, photographs taken in the Medical Equipment Maintenance Section, show in part, the superior type of training enlisted technicians are receiving at the Brooke Army Medical Center. Later issues will carry other news of this important section.





**FROM STAFF SERGEANT TO MISS:** It's complete reconversion for ex-Staff Sergeant Bernice Hanson of Sterling, Illinois, who, as a civilian, has replaced herself as secretary to the Medical Inspector, Brooke Army Medical Center. She is shown in the photo at left, taking dictation from Lieutenant Fred A. Leisering, assistant Medical Inspector.

### EX-WAC REPLACES HERSELF AS A CIVILIAN

When a Wac can replace herself as a civilian employee, that's not only news—but complete reconversion. As a Wac, ex-Staff Sergeant Bernice Hanson, now MISS Hanson, served for eight months in the office of the Medical Inspector, Brooke Army Medical Center. At 9:00 a.m. on the morning of January 19th, Miss Hanson was separated from the Women's Army Corps after two and a half years service. At 10 o'clock that same morning she was sworn in for a civil service position, thereby re-

placing herself in her former position.

It is taking Miss Hanson and her friends a little time to "reconvert" to her new title, but it has meant money for the "March of Dimes" box; for when she is called by her former rank, she fines her friends a dime. When she herself answers the telephone "Sergeant Hanson," she fines herself several dimes.

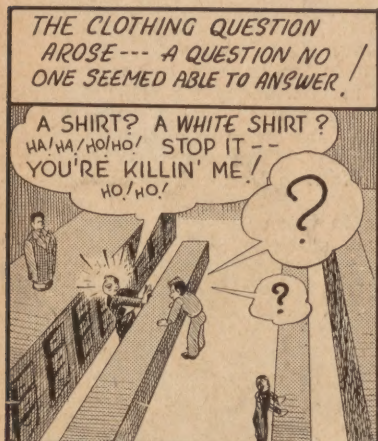
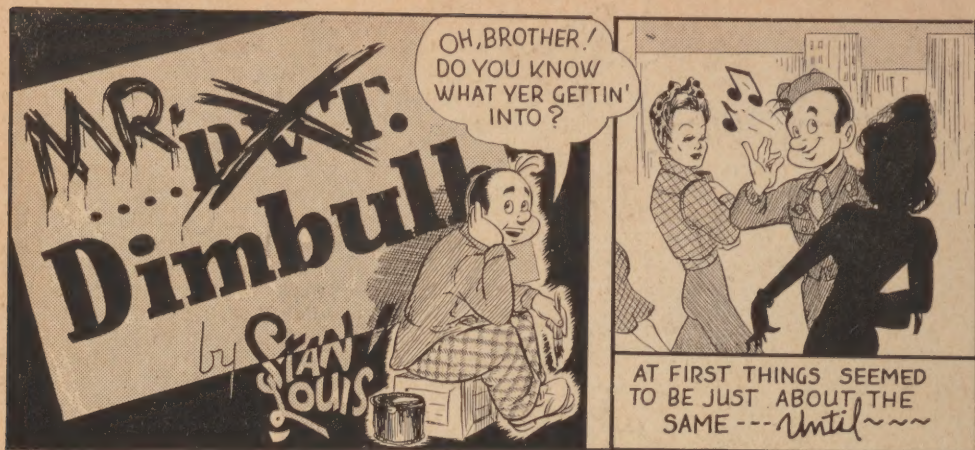
Previous to her coming to Brooke, Miss Hanson was stationed in Houston, Texas, in recruiting work. She entered military service from Chicago. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hanson of Sterling, Illinois.

### PATIENTS OF BROOKE GENERAL HOSPITAL RECEIVE VISIT FROM TEX RITTER



In the left background, Private Miles J. Spruce, Jr., listens with interest while Tex Ritter and Maugene Hughes, troupe member, sing a special number for Water-tender Second Class J. C. Youngblood, bed patient in Ward 5. Staff Sergeant Bill A. Rips, left foreground, patient in Ward 8 gets in on the entertainment. Sergeant Rips served with the Air Forces in the South Pacific and Water-tender Youngblood served with the Amphibious Transport service aboard the USS Joseph T. Dickman.





A vote of THANKS to Stan Louis, former patient at Brooke General Hospital, for his contribution of the above. Stan says, "I didn't have anything to do a couple of evenings ago so I drew another 'Dimbult' . . . I thought you might want to use it . . ." Stan also added, "I received the last issue of the B.B.B. and I hope you continue to send it. I like keeping up with what's going on down there."